Some isolated studies have been made from which no positive co-relation has been established between consumption of pesticides and deleterous effects on human health.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, the question does not arise.

Flow of waters of west flowing river into Tamil Nadu

3432. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Kerala has agreed recently in principle that the surplus waters of the west flowing rivers in Kerala may be diverted to Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to appoint a study team for implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Central Government is not aware of any such agreement.

(b) Does not arise.

Cost of imported edible oil

3433. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the cost edible oils imported during April to September, 1986 indicating CIF cost and other charges separately; and

(b) the average rate at which the imported edible oil was supplies to public distribution system during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The details of the cost of edible oils imported during April to September, 1986 are given below:—

Quantity imported	7·53 Lakh MT
	Rs. crore
(1) CIF Cost	295
(2) Other charges such as customs duty storage, handling etc.	242
TOTAL (1)&(2)	537

(b) The issue price of imported edible oils under Public Distribution System during the same period is as follows:—

	Rs. PMT
(i) For PDS in bulk	9,000
(ii) For PDS in tins	10,500

Rate of wages paid to CPWD workers

3434. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rates of wages are not being paid to clerical or non-technical supervisory staff as shown in CPWD memorandum No. 17(2)/80-A and C (DGW), dated the 20th November, 1985 to those who are compelled to work as Enquiry Clerks and are paid as Beldars in CPWD Enquiry Offices coming under the purview of Circle VI of CPWD; i f so, the details reasons;

(b) whether there were instances where the clerks|typists|stenographers even in Division/Sub-divisions offices under the Circle-VI of CPWD; were also being paid as the Beldars; if so, the reasons for violation of Government orders;

(c) whether there are proposals under the consideration of CPWD to revert such employees to the posts of Beldars or to terminate their services instead of making payments of wages to them in terms of the aforesaid memorandum if so, the reasons; and

(d) what action Government propose to take against the officers responsible for violation of said orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of steel

3435. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of Steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed hike is mainly to contain the impact of the recent railway freight hike; and

(d) if so, to what extent the cost of production of steel has increased due to this railway freight hike?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) to (c) There is no proposal before the Government to increase the price of steel.

(d) The recent changes in the Railway freight structure with effect from 1.12.1986 are likely to increase the cost of production of saleable steel by about Rs 35/- per tonne.

Allotment of foodgrains for rural development programmes

3436. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average monthly allotment and disbursement of foodgrains for the Rural Development Programmes like NREP, RLEGP etc. during the current year; and

(b) whether in view of the sufficient stock of foodgrains with the FCI, Government propose to increase the quota for these programmes, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) Foodgrains under Nation Rural Employment Programme and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme are released to the States in two half yearly instalments. Utilisation of foodgrains is, however, reported by the States on monthly basis. A statement indicating the releases of foodgrains made to the States/UTs so far and the utilisation reported by them upto September, 1986 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) Against utilisation of 0.83 million tonnes of foodgrains under NREP/RLEGP in 1985-86 it is expected that a quantity of 2 million tonnes would be utilised during 1986-87.

Statement

Foodgrains released and MONTHWISE Utilisation under NREP/RLEGP

I. FOODGRAINS RELEASED (LAKH MTs)

Programme	1st instalment	2nd instalment
(i) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP)	7·33	3·33
(ii) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP)	4·72	1·75
TOTAL	12·05	5·08